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This report consists of a sketch, with a legend, of harbor installations in Ventpils (N 57-24, E 21-34).

Legend to the Sketch of Ventpils Harbor

1. Fuel storage for fishing boats. The amount of fuel stored in the place is not known, but it is limited; if fishermen from other ports arrive, the supply of fuel does not equal the demand. The area is surrounded by a wooden fence.
2. Wooden watchtower, approximately 15 meters high.
3. Area which has been taken over by a Leningrad fishing enterprise. This enterprise plans to build its own fish factory, cannery, and refrigeration plants. The enterprise intends to operate this factory independent of the local fishing administration.
4. Four electric cranes, which belong to the Leningrad fishing enterprise. Each crane has a lifting capacity of approximately one ton.
5. Quay, where merchant ships load and discharge cargo. Loading and discharging is done by electric cranes, of unknown lifting capacity. Cargoes are transferred to railway cars, and, as far as has been observed, nothing is stored in the warehouses across the railway line.
6. Part of the river bend, which is being developed; dredges are working at this point.
7. Ferry.
8. Customs yard.

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9. Single-track, narrow-gauge (600 mm) railway line.
10. Broad-gauge railway line. One track has been in existence for several years, and two additional tracks are under construction.
11. Formerly the Winter Harbor, but is now used by submarines and anti-submarine vessels of the B0 and M0 types.
12. Naval quay. Civilians are not allowed on the quay, and it is separated from the rest of the town by fences. During the period no naval vessels were observed alongside the quay.
13. Fishing Harbor. This harbor is always very crowded with fishing vessels.
14. Repair yard, for fishing boats.
15. Slip-way, on which fishing boats are pulled up on the shore.
16. Lifting facilities, for lifting the stern or bow of a fishing boat out of the water.
17. Fish factory, named Ventspils Zivju Kombinats.
18. Four electric cranes; each crane has a lifting capacity of approximately one ton.
19. Check point; manned by the border guards.
20. Area where ice, covered with sawdust, is stored; it is the property of the fish factory (No. 17 in the legend).
21. Two signal towers, which belong to the Soviet Army. The towers are approximately ten meters high.
22. Searchlight, usually directed seawards.
23. Area where wooden barracks are under construction; the barracks are believed to be for signal personnel of the Soviet Army.

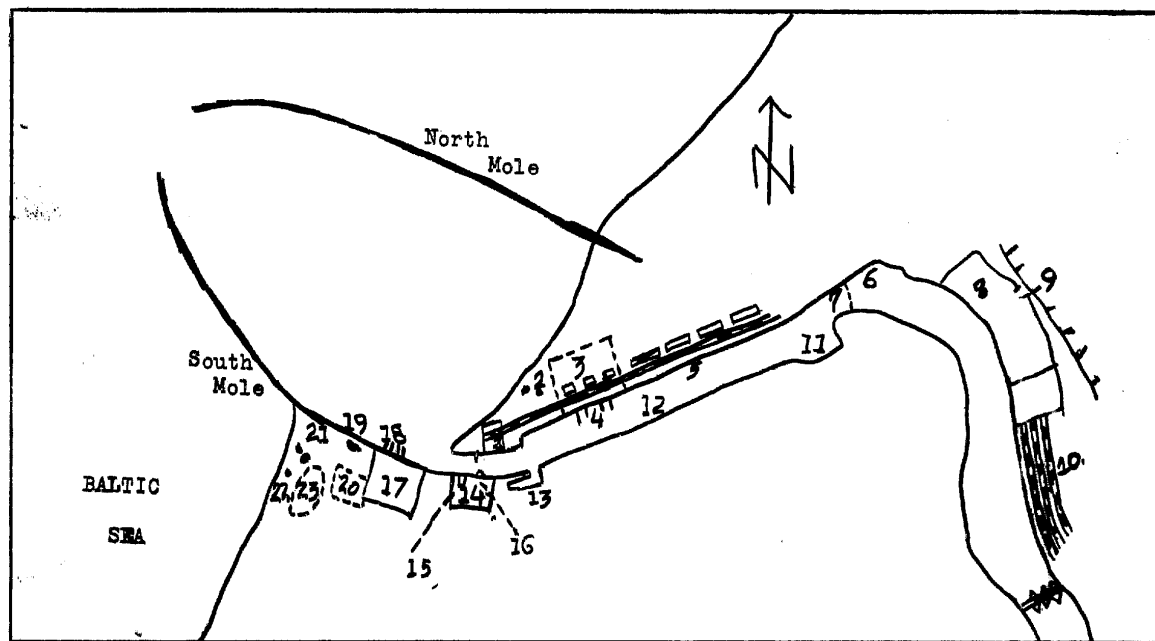
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Sketch of Ventspils Harbor



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